**What does the matrix convey about reality?**

The matrix talks about reality in many different ways, firstly it poses the question what is reality? How do we know if a certain thing is real or not? And what makes us believe that the reality we think/know is real is actually real?

To start off, the movie consists of many ways of knowing, an example of this is when Morpheus and Neo meet for the first time and Neo is told of the matrix and how he was born in the matrix and not the real world, Neo does not believe this statement and requests for proof/evidence on how that is so. One of Morpheus’s crew members ‘Tank’ then shows him a video or clip on how the real world is as of that moment, that’s when Neo starts to believe Morpheus. This way of knowing can be categorized as sense perception as Neo had to see with his own eyes in order to believe what he had been told. Or at the very beginning when trinity is talking to Neo through the computer how did he know/believe Trinity when she told him “follow the white rabbit neo” how did he know that if he did followed the rabbit he will be unharmed. And how come he still trusted trinity and Morpheus after the Agents told him they were dangerous people to hang with?.

Throughout the movie Neo mostly has to use sense perception to know what’s going on, for example when Neo asks Morpheus what the matrix is, Morpheus answers “Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself.” They then go into a simulated world (where Neo learns different fighting techniques in a matter of seconds and they they figh), in this world anything is possible only if you believe and the mind makes everything real as if it were a dream world AKA the matrix. Here Neo used sense perception as he had to see the matrix and felt different materials that were inside (when he touched the chair and when he was being beaten by Morpheus, as he felt the pain.

Overall the matrix describes reality as a complicated confusing unexplained perception of the mind where electrical signals are transmitted since we might think what we know is true but actually it isn’t (although in some cases we might know what reality is) .Just as Neo thought he was born in the real world but was actually born and raised in a simulated world. Reality might also be defined in the matrix by Neo as the ‘truth’ as Morpheus says “all I offer is the truth” and Neo is looking to find out what reality is from Morph as Neo begins to take everything that Morpheus says to be true although the truth and reality might also be distinguishable in other different ways.